

# Crash Course U.S. Government - Day 52

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1. What is **political socialization**? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What does **political ideology** mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. In America, who is on the **left**? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Who is on the **right**? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Use the word bank to fill out the sentences below.

## Word Bank

**conservatives**  
**liberals**

**corporations**  
**libertarians**

**defense**  
**liberty**

**equality**  
**market**

**fair**  
**regulations**

**government**  
**taxes**

In general, \_\_\_\_\_ believe that big \_\_\_\_\_ is a threat to individual \_\_\_\_\_ and want it to be as small as possible, something they have in common with \_\_\_\_\_. They believe in the free \_\_\_\_\_ and a strong national \_\_\_\_\_. By cutting other programs, they believe the government can reduce spending and thereby lower \_\_\_\_\_. On the other hand, \_\_\_\_\_ believe that government can help solve problems, and that bigger government can solve more and bigger problems. They support both more \_\_\_\_\_ and higher taxes, and do not believe that the free market is \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone. They know that things like protecting the environment and helping the poor cost money, and so they support higher taxes on the wealthy and \_\_\_\_\_. Liberals value \_\_\_\_\_ over liberty.

6. What are the four main sources of political socialization?

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

7) What does the idea of **economic self interest** mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Answers

1. people's political views and where they come from
2. the political party or set of ideas that a person identifies with
3. liberals
4. conservatives
5. In general, **conservatives** believe that big **government** is a threat to individual **liberty** and want it to be as small as possible, something they have in common with **libertarians**. They believe in the free **market** and a strong national **defense**. By cutting other programs, they believe the government can reduce spending and thereby lower **taxes**. On the other hand, **liberals** believe that government can help solve problems, and that bigger government can solve more and bigger problems. They support both more **regulations** and higher taxes, and do not believe that the free market is **fair** to everyone. They know that things like protecting the environment and helping the poor cost money, and so they support higher taxes on the wealthy and **corporations**. Liberals value **equality** over liberty.
6. family, social groups, education, political conditions of your life
7. people's politics are determined by what benefits them, personally, either economically or financially